

HOUSE No. 1024

By Mr. Honan of Boston, petition of Kevin G. Honan relative to providing rehabilitative educational programs for at-risk public school children. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING REHABILITATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established and maintained within
2 the metropolitan Boston area, one or more residential educational
3 centers which shall provide an alternative therapeutic, rehabilita-
4 tive educational program for public school students who have
5 been found in possession of knives and other dangerous weapons,
6 as defined by G.L. c. 269, §10, in a school building or within 1000
7 feet of a school building, or who have used an object in a dan-
8 gerous manner so as to harm another person in a school building
9 or on school property.

1 SECTION 2. A public school student shall be referred to such
2 residential educational centers upon a determination by a desig-
3 nated school official after a fair hearing conducted in accordance
4 with School Committee procedures, that the student was in pos-
5 session of such a weapon in a school building or within 1000 feet
6 of a school building, or used an object in a dangerous manner and
7 thereby harmed another person in a school building or on school
8 property.

1 SECTION 3. Public school students referred to the said resi-
2 dential centers shall remain in the centers for a minimum of six
3 months for residential treatment, followed by a minimum of six

4 months day treatment. Upon successful completion of the alter-
5 nate program, the student shall be readmitted to the public school
6 system from which he/she was referred.

1 SECTION 4. The Board of Education shall contract with educa-
2 tional collaboratives approved in accordance with G. L. c. 40, §4
3 to establish and operate the residential educational centers
4 described in Section 1 of this Act.